

S/N 10/552841

In response to the Office Action dated 04/10/2009

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement paragraph:

A lancing apparatus that moves a lancing element in a lancing direction from a wait position to a lancing position thereby lancing an intended portion with the lancing element. The lancing apparatus has a first member which moves reciprocally in the lancing direction and in the retreating direction. A second member moves with the lancing element and performs reciprocal movement in the lancing and retreating directions in accordance with the movement of the first member.